

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Claim 1 (previously presented): A cover for a manhole top with a cover body and with at least one locking means arranged on the cover body, said locking means having a spring section and, arranged thereon, an engagement section that can be brought into engagement with a part of a frame, wherein the spring section is attached by each of two ends of the spring section to the cover body and is otherwise separated from the cover body, and the engagement section is arranged between the two ends of the spring section, and wherein the spring section is designed as an annular body, which is attached to the cover body by a retaining section that essentially joins the two ends of the spring section.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The cover according to claim 1, wherein the spring section extends approximately parallel to the cover body.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (previously presented): The cover according to claim 1, wherein the annular body has the approximate shape of a circle.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The cover according to claim 4, wherein the engagement section is arranged at a location essentially diametrically opposite the retaining section.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The cover according to claim 1, wherein the annular body has the approximate shape of an oval with two curved sections and two essentially elongated sections connecting these two curved sections to one another.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The cover according to claim 6, wherein the retaining section is located on one elongated section, and the engagement section is located on the other elongated section.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The cover according to claim 7, wherein the elongated section bearing the engagement section is recessed relative to the ends of the curved sections that are connected by this elongated section.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The cover ~~according to at least one~~ as in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the engagement section has a wedge-shaped detent section.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The cover according to claim 1, wherein the locking means is located on the underside of the cover body.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The cover according to claim 1, wherein the cover is provided with stiffening ribs, wherein the locking means are located a distance apart from the stiffening ribs on the cover body.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A manhole top comprising:
a cover configured according to claim 1; and
a frame for accommodating the cover.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The cover according to claim 6, wherein the curved sections are semicircular.